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***Carson Pleased Senator Inhofe Joins OU Tar Creek Study  
Congressman Calls Plan Successful Only When Coupled With Relocation***

Washington, D.C. --

Eastern Oklahoma Congressman Brad Carson (D-OK) welcomed the support of Senator Inhofe for the University of Oklahoma Tar Creek Study, but cautioned that relocation must still remain the critical first step.

"I am pleased to hear Senator Inhofe's announcement that he will be joining on the plan we released yesterday, outlining funding for the University of Oklahoma to begin cleaning up the outskirts of the Tar Creek Superfund site. I have always stated that Senator Inhofe will be a vital part of the solution at Tar Creek. I welcome his support for this second phase, but I remain hopeful that he will also join in calling for relocation of the towns of Picher and Cardin. Relocation is the critical first step in protecting the health and safety of the people of Tar Creek" said Congressman Carson. "This step today cannot be seen as a replacement for relocation."

"This study is only truly meaningful when coupled with relocation of the towns," said Congressman Carson. "Scientists working on this project at OU will tell you that this will only begin the clean up of the areas outside the most highly contaminated parts of Picher and Cardin. Therefore, in our attempts to solve this two decade old disaster we cannot forget the people of Picher and Cardin."

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